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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP
SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S TRIP

1. WE NOTE THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH WILL BE IN THIS AREA IN EARLY MARCH. ALTHOUGH THE DATE OF THE INVESTITURE OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IS STILL UNKNOWN, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA HAS MENTIONED THE FOURTH OR FIFTH OF MARCH. WE REALIZE THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS PROBABLY IN CONCRETE AND THAT LAST MINUTE CHANGES WOULD PRESENT GREAT DIFFICULTIES, BUT WE VENTURE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS COINCIDENCE AS THE PRESENCE OF THE DEPUTY AT THE INVESTITURE WOULD UNDERLINE VERY VIVIDLY THE SUCCESS OF U.S. POLICIES IN ENDING THE WAR IN THIS COUNTRY AND WOULD HIGHLIGHT U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED.

2. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE FOREGOING THOUGHT HAS ANY MERIT, WE WILL TRY AND SMOKE OUT WHAT TYPE TF CEREMONY THE LAO HAVE IN MIND. WE DOUBT THAT ANY DECISION WILL BE MADE UNTIL THE PRINCES GET TOGETHER IN LUANG PRABANG IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.
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